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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE FOR U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICER
TO TRAVEL TO SYRIA ON SAUDI TRAINING FLIGHT

1. THE ROYAL SAUDI AIR FORCE HAS REQUESTED THAT LT. COL. HOWARD J. LEDD, SENIOR C-130 ADVISOR OF THE U.S. MILITARY TRAINING MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA (USMTM), BE AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPANY ROYAL SAUDI AIR FORCE C-130 TRAINING FLIGHTS TO DAMASCUS FROM JIDDA. THESE FLIGHTS WOULD BE ON AN APERIODIC BASIS. HE WOULD ACCOMPANY ONLY THOSE FLIGHTS NOT REMAINING OVERNIGHT.

2. THE CHIEF USMTM BELIEVES THAT COMPLYING WITH THIS SAG REQUEST WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE ADVISORY EFFORT. THE EMBASSY CONCURS.

3. IF EMBASSY DAMASCUS AND THE DEPARTMENT PRECEIVE NO OBJECTION, WE REQUEST BLANKET CLEARANCE FOR LT. COL. LEE TO MAKE THESE FLIGHTS. WE SUGGEST BEFORE HE MAKES A FLIGHT THAT EMBASSY DAMASCUS INFORM THE SARG THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS THAT A U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICER WILL BE ABOARD CERTAIN SAUDI FLIGHTS AND THAT WE ASK THE SAG TO DO THE SAME.

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